

## SENATE WATCH

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## THIRD READING

## HB 4659 (DeRoche)

HB 4659 clarifies that police officers may carry automated external defibrillator (AEDs) and use them for emergency situations, but are <u>not</u> qualified as a medical first responder and subject to the state training requirements. The bill clarifies the role of police officers responding to am emergency where they may need to use an AED, but do not have the full medical training of an emergency first responder.

Support: MI Township Assn., MI Assn. of Police Organizations, American Red Cross, Fraternal Order of Police.

• HB 4659 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

HB 4965 (Ehardt) HB 4966 (WOJNO)

Support: MI College of Emergency Physicians, MI Assn. of Health Plans, Wm. Beaumont Hospital, MHA, MI Nurses Assn.

<u>HB 4965</u> would prohibit an insurer from requiring a physician to transfer a patient before the physician has determined that the patient has reached the point of stabilization. It would prohibit a HMO physician from over-ruling an emergency room physician who would maintain legal liability for the patient until admitted to the new facility. Removes the fear for the patient that his/her health plan will deny payment for care received at an unauthorized hospital.

• HB 4965 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.

<u>HB 4966</u> would prohibit an insurer (Blue Cross Blue Shield) from requiring a physician to transfer a patient before the physician has determined that the patient has reached the point of stabilization.

• HB 4966 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.